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MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members
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From: Mike Moseley

Re: **Communication Bulletin # 087** Substance Abuse
Nominal Incentives



The General Assembly of North Carolina, through Session Law 2007-323, House Bill 1473, has established initiatives to “build community infrastructure for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services” and to “increase availability of substance abuse treatment” through the following process:

“SECTION 10.49.(d) An LME may use up to one percent (1%) of funds allocated to it for substance abuse treatment services to provide nominal incentives for consumers who achieve specified treatment benchmarks, in accordance with the federal substance abuse and mental health services administration best practice model entitled Contingency Management.”

The attached Guidelines describe the Contingency Management best practice approach and outline the process for Local Management Entities (LMEs) and providers to follow to implement this approach in programs serving substance abuse consumers. These guidelines have an implementation date of January 1, 2008.

Please contact Spencer Clark of the Division’s Community Policy Management Section, at 919-733-4670 or via electronic mail at Spencer.Clark@ncmail.net, if you have questions regarding the Community Management treatment approach or these Guidelines.

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